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FSSAI and Port Connectivity
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) proposes to connect the ports of the country with the other parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh so as to facilitate the speedy transportation of imported food products and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present challenges faced by the country in making the imported food products readily available in the country including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the action plan to save these food products from contamination before distributing them for human consumption; and

(d) the time by which the said action plan is likely to be completed and ensure the speedy distribution of the food products?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): No. Connecting ports of the country with other ports of the country to facilitate speedy transportation of imported food products does not come within the domain of FSSAI. However, for facilitating faster clearance of imported food consignments at ports, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has taken various steps, namely, integration of Food Import Clearance System (FICS) of FSSAI with the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway (ICEGATE) among others.
(c) & (d): The regulations made under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 provide that no article of food shall be cleared from the custom unless it has a valid shelf life of not less than sixty percent at the time of import. Therefore, adequate provisions exist in the Food Safety and Standards (Import) Regulations, 2017 to ensure that the imported food being delivered is safe.
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